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Host-Based Word Processing -- Overview

History: Provide WP to 7260T users as well as 7265/8T.

Goals: Use STANDARD Agency terminal for ALL functions.

Avoid analyst/manager/professional needing two devices.

Provide WP service on host competitive with stand-alone.

Benefits: Creation, filing, printing, routing compatible on host.

Backup, archive, security implicit in centralized service.

Basis for future integrated OA, AIM compatibility.

SAFE requirements met in advance.

Spinoffs: Exercise full terminal functions, test and debug.

Model for other applications (SAFE/CAMS2/NOVA).

Exercise host terminal support (CAM).

Status: Test use by C/SPD, ODP/P, OCR (China).

Demand for trial by DDI/ASG.

Operational, but not finished.

Major future direction: AIM and SAFE integrations.

Usability: Menu, keystroke orientation.

What-you-see-is-what-you-get editor (full screen).

Insulates user from SCRIPT (document formatter).

No text editor required (XEDIT nor SEDIT.)

Insulates user from CP/CMS functions.

On-line introduction for a user to DP; allows growth.

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Terminal: 7260T supports "words", "sentences", "paragraphs."

Highlighting for COPY/MOVE/DELETE/UNDERLINE/CAP.

Cursor movement, character/line INSERT/DELETE.

Screen: Attractive special characters.

Split screens, message area, key labels.

What-you-see-is-what-you-get.

Menu formatted, fields protected and checked.

Pointing to select items by cursor position.

Paging: SCROLL and PAGE movement forward and back.

Automatic pre-staging and switching to prev/next pages.

Shows page boundaries, both required and temporary.

PF Keys: CENTER, NEW PAGE, SECTION HEAD, FORMAT CHANGE.

Keys to move among menus.

Keys to get messages, exit, log off, file.

Services: Utilities for COPY, BACKUP, ERASE.

PRINT menus and output formatting.

PRINT queue management - order, purge, change.

Local printer output or screen preview.

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Strategic decision?
full function? vs. Wang
Create additional CPU demand.